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1. AMBASSADOR DECLINING FOLLOW UP APPROACH TO PRESIDENT RIVERA PENDING RECEIPT OF MEXI GOVT REACTION TO [redacted] SURFACING. HE UNDERSTANDABLY WARY OF GETTING RIVERA TOO ENTHUSED OVER PROPOSAL WHEN ADAMANT MEXICAN REJECTION OF SURFACING MIGHT TORPEDO OP.

2. WHILE SALV FEELS STAFF HAS PAPER RECEIVED REF A WILL MAKE INTERESTING PRESENTATION, WE NOT CLEAR ON WHO SLATED TO PRESENT IT. ASSUME IT WOULD BE PRESENTED BY [redacted] AT REQUEST GOES AND [illegible] [redacted], WITH LATTER THEN BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO ... FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFING.

3. RE ... 5/C/S 85-589, 91-...74 8,19 9, ... STATION FEELS IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE SURFACE NAMES OF ... TRAINEES FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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A. GOES WOULD HAVE TO ARREST ALL PERSONS MENTIONED OR
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GOES DOES NOT BELIEVE Defector [redacted] INFO. ALTHO RIVERA INDICATED THAT HE WILLING TO MAKE THE ARRESTS, STATION INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW THROUGH DUE FEAR OF STIRRING UP SALVADORAN LEFTISTS, AND LACK OF JURIDICAL GROUNDS FOR PROSECUTION.

B. ALTHO Defector [redacted] HAD KNOWLEDGE THAT AT LEAST 75 SALVADORANS RECEIVED G/W TRAINING BETWEEN APRIL 1963 AND APRIL 1964, HE WAS ABLE TO FURNISH ONLY 35 NAMES. OF THESE, LESS THAN HALF ARE KNOWN TO BE TRUE NAMES. WE THUS FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO MENTION ANY OF THE G/W NAMES, STAND ON THE 75 FIGURE, AND IMPLY THAT Defector [redacted] HAS MADE NAMES OF ALL 75 AVAILABLE TO GOES WHO PRESUMABLY AWAITING PROPITIOUS TIME TO ROUND THEM UP.

C. G/W TRAINEES HAVE BEEN INACTIVE SINCE RETURN FROM CUBA AND ONLY RECENTLY STEPS BEING TAKEN BY FUAR MILITARY COMMISSION TO REACTIVATE THEM. SINCE Asset [redacted] IN KEY POSITION TO REPORT ON THIS BUILDUP, THERE IS GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING GOES INFO AT LATER DATE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM TO CATCH WHOLE GROUP RED HANDED WITH EVIDENCE ON WHICH THEY COULD BE PROSECUTED. Defector [redacted] INFO COULD BE USED AT THAT TIME TO BOLSTER GOES CASE.

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4. [illegible] DGI INTEL AGENTS SALVADOR, STATION RECOMMENDS [redacted] MENTION IN TESTIMONY (PAGE 55 OF DRAFT PAPER) THAT CUBANS HAVE RECRUITED SALVADORANS AS INTEL AGENTS AND SURFACE [redacted] CASE [redacted] DOSSIER AS EXAMPLE, WITHOUT MENTIONING [redacted] OR [redacted] CASES. THIS WOULD AVOID SURFACING OF [redacted], WHO WOULD PROBABLY TURN INTO HOSTILE AGENT VIS-A-VIS STATION IF HIS NAME MENTIONED. SURFACING OF [redacted] CASE SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY ARREST OF [redacted], AND [redacted] BY GOES.

5. RE PAGE 55 OF DRAFT OAS PAPER, WE RECOMMEND DELETION OF DGI ESTIMATE THAT GOES PLANNING AGGRESSION AGAINST CU[illegible] TO STATION KNOWLEDGE IT HAS NO BASIS IN FACT AND COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR PROP PURPOSES OF PAPER.

6. IF FOREGOING RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY HQS, STATION ENVISAGES FOLLOWING CHRONOLOGY SUBJECT TO GOES APPROVAL:

A. GOES KICKS OFF OPERATION BY ARRESTING PRINCIPALS IN [redacted] CASE, WITH TERSE ANNOUNCEMENT TO PRESS THAT GOES HAS EVIDENCE OF EXTENSIVE CUBAN PLOT WHICH IT TAKING TO OAS.

B. IN OAS [illegible] REVEALS THAT [illegible] HAS GIVEN THE DETAILS OF CUBAN SUBVERSIVE EFFORT IN EL SALVADOR AND

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PETITIONS [redacted] TO MAKE [redacted] AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY.

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C. IN RESPONSE, [redacted] DISTRIBUTES REVISED DRAFT OF REF A PAPER FOR STUDY BY CAS MEMBERS.

Defector

D. [redacted] THEN IS MADE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

7. REQUEST COMMENTS.

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